

Parish Life

Pastor's Letter

Date July 6, 2010

Summer is a time to slow down a bit and to enjoy (yes, if possible) the languor of these sultry days. If it gets a little too hazy, hot and humid, I find a certain comfort in recalling the white canyons of February and the Rocky Mountain-like ridge of snow in our parking lot, and which I was sure would not be gone until about this time in July.

While there is a calming quiet to things around here, it is interrupted by the occasional noise of what sounds like a jackhammer below my office. It is reminder of the changes underway in our school building. Among them are the expansion and renovation of our music, art and resource rooms, as well as the addition of an enrichment/meeting room which can be used for particular tutoring in small groups. Beyond needed updates I am most excited about the enlargement of the library/media center with the addition of a new entry way. This entrance can be used for handicap accessibility and is pending county approval. (Do any of you have influence with the county in moving permit requests along?) The new library will be in what was the eighth grade class room at the south-east corner of the building. The new entry will be at the south façade of that corner, near to the rectory. What is exciting about this change for the larger parish is that this renovation will allow the library to be used for an occasional evening meeting, presentation, or even a movie with easier access for our elders and proximity to the parking lot. This plan has been in the works for a few years now, but is now underway and expected to be finished by the opening of the school year. I can't wait to show it to you when it is complete.

Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound: If a parishioner is ill or unable to attend church and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call our coordinator, Margaret Carroll at 301-325-6398.

Please Remember to pray for the following brave parishioners, relatives and friends of our Parish family who are serving their country in the Armed Forces abroad, including Cpt. Rodger Woodruff. We ask the Lord to keep them safe from harm, and we pray for their families while they are far from home. *Please notify the Parish Office of family members that should be included or removed by calling Alice, 301-654-1287, ext 310 or email mcgurtya@bethesdalourdes.org.*

A Warm Welcome to Our New Parishioners who recently joined the Parish: Meralis Plaza-Toledo.

Meet and Greet After Mass: Coffee and doughnuts are offered on the church portico on Sundays after the 7:30 AM and 9 AM Masses. Please join Msgr. Filardi and fellow parishioners for coffee and doughnuts.

The OLOL Young Adult Group meets a few times a month for religious and social activities. Contact ololyam@gmail.com for more details.

Masses for the Week

Monday, July 12th (Gospel reading: Mt. 10:34—11:1)		
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Our Priests	Fr. Schad
8:00 AM	Int. of Barbara & Frank Black	Fr. Schad
12 NOON	+Yolanda Jacot	Fr. Robitalle
Tuesday, July 13th (Gospel reading: Mt. 11:20-24)		
7:00 AM		Fr. Schad
8:00 AM		Fr. Schad
12 NOON		Fr. Robitalle
Wednesday, July 14th (Gospel reading: Mt. 11:25-27)		
7:00 AM	The Donovan Family	Fr. Schad
8:00 AM		Fr. Schad
12 NOON	+Lucienne Trudel Moisan	Fr. Robitalle
Thursday, July 15th (Gospel reading: Mt. 11:28-30)		
7:00 AM	Pascual Chicuy	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM		Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Regina Whitman	Fr. Schad
Friday, July 16th (Gospel reading: Mt. 12:1-8)		
7:00 AM	+Nelson Gilbert	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+William & Patricia Abell	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+Ana Maria Laborraque	Fr. Schad
Saturday, July 17th (Gospel Reading: Mt. 12:14-21)		
8:00 AM	+Agnes Fennell Healy	Msgr. Filardi
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Fr. Schad
12 NOON		Fr. Leopold
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Msgr. Filardi
5:00 PM		Msgr. Filardi
Sunday, July 18th (Gospel Reading: Lk. 10:38-42)		
7:30 AM	Int. of Christopher Black	Fr. Schad
9:00 AM	People of the Parish	Msgr. Filardi
10:30 AM	+Joseph Geisenhauser & Helen Carlin	Fr. Leopold
12 NOON		Msgr. Filardi
1:30 PM	+Isabel Mellado	Fr. Schad

The Priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

Deceased in Our Parish: Please pray for our deceased brothers and sisters.

Sick in Our Parish: Please pray our sick brothers and sisters especially Maria Velasquez, Fr. Thomas Kalita, Raymond Anselmo, Kaitlin Kelly, Peter DeSanto, Gladys Archer, Joseph Burke, Bill Bray, Sandy Kuldinow, Sheila Felock, Diego Guevera and Mireya Devaraj.

Worship & Spirituality

Eucharistic Adoration: The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value for the life of the Church. Hours of Adoration at Our Lady of Lourdes are Monday through Saturday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM (except during Mass). "Could You Not, Then, Watch One Hour With Me?"

Sign of Peace: Since some parishioners would rather not shake hands for medical reasons, we know you will understand if they prefer to exchange the Sign of Peace by a bow or a wave.

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Sacrament of Matrimony: Congratulations on your engagement. In accord with the regulations of the Archdiocese of Washington, couples must be in contact with a parish priest before a date can be set. Six months of preparation is required. Anyone living in the parish is eligible. At least one must be a Catholic. Living together before marriage is sinful, a cause of scandal, and corresponds with a greater likelihood of eventual divorce. Those cohabiting will be asked to live separately before marriage, and to return to the regular practice of their faith.

Needed: Volunteers for the Altar Group: We have small teams who maintain the beauty of the altars. If you can give an hour once a month, please call Veronica Yeatman at 301-215-7128.

A Women's Morning of Recollection will be conducted by a priest of Opus Dei on Thursday, July 15th. It will begin in the church at 9:30 AM, and end at 11:30 AM. All are welcome.

Sacrament of Baptism: Parish Registration and Baptism class is required. Please contact the Rectory to register and obtain information concerning the dates of the class.

What Does It Mean To Be An Active Catholic?

Frequently, those seeking to marry, have children baptized, or serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism request a letter stating they are parishioners and active, practicing Catholics. To receive such a letter, one must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly, and be committed to a stewardship of time, talent and treasure. We encourage all parishioners to become active in one of the parish organizations. In a community as large as ours, one means of verifying participation is through the regular use of parish offertory envelopes. If you are unable to contribute at this time, please at least note your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory. We will then be aware of your continued participation, and you will not be noted as "inactive" on our parish roster.

Social Responsibility



Assumption Outreach Program: The car, bulging with boxes of cereal and other food items, arrived at Assumption last Sunday, to be greeted by the new pastor, Fr. William Montgomery, who along with the director, Richard Sylvester, and others, helped with the unloading. Needless to say, they were amazed and grateful to the parishioners of OLOL for such abundance. Thanks to you all, and special thanks to the anonymous donor of 3 large cartons of cereal, a case of tuna fish, and a bunch of baseballs & softballs, which will make a lot of children very happy, and well fed. Please continue to bring your donations of CEREAL, TUNA FISH and RAMEN NOODLES to the East-West Hwy. vestibule before the Masses next weekend. Bless you all. The Poor Box collections for July 18 & 25 will be for Assumption Outreach Program.



Sunday Evening Meal for the Homeless & Poor is in need of food supervisors. If you are interested, please come to OLOL cafeteria on Sunday between 4:00 and 6:00 PM to observe the

meal for the homeless in action, then decide if you would like to be a part of this most worthwhile program. Your commitment is for only 2 hours one Sunday every other month. For more information, please call Alex Novak at 301-693-9890. We are also in need of MEN'S warm clothing. If you have any donations, please bring them to OLOL cafeteria Sundays between 4:30 and 5:30 PM. Thank you very much.

Finance/Administration

Parish Finances: The collection figures for July 4, 2010: Offertory Collection: \$8,404; 2nd Collection (Repairs & Mtnc): \$1,974; Daily Mass: \$526; Poor Box: \$156. Thank you for your generosity!

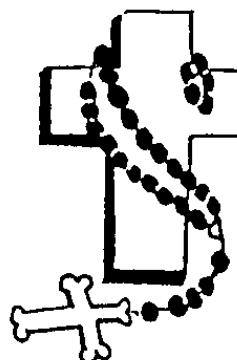
Second Collection Next Week: None.

Faith Direct: Please consider enrolling in Faith Direct today. Participation in the Faith Direct program for automatic electronic giving expresses the willingness of the faithful to be a regular part of the mission and ministry of Our Lady of Lourdes. You may visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll, our parish code is **MD33**. You can also pick up an enrollment form in the parish office.

Our Website now includes a calendar of events, including dates, times, and meeting rooms. The website address is www.bethesdalourdes.org.

Bulletin Deadline: Please have your printed notices at the Rectory office by Monday at 3:00 PM. The email address is: mcgurtya@bethesdalourdes.org.

The Parish Council asked us to establish a Parish email list in order to keep members better informed in a more timely manner. If you wish to participate, please send a "Please include me" message to mcgurtya@bethesdalourdes.org. We will keep your email address confidential.



Moving In, Out or Within the Parish?

Please help us keep our records up-to-date by filling out this form and dropping it in the collection basket or rectory mail slot. Thank you.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

____ I/we am/are new to the parish. Welcome!

____ Change of address within the parish. Thank you!

____ I/we am/are moving out of the parish. God be with you!

It is important that you register in the parish since weddings, baptisms, and other parish services require registration.

Faith Formation

**OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
301-654-5954**

*In Memoriam of The Fifth Anniversary
Patricia A. Long*

FOLLOWING CHRIST is not a "do it yourself" project. It is something we do with others, helping others and being helped by others. On Saturday 09 July 2005, Mrs. Patricia A. Long, faculty member and catechist who taught at Our Lady of Lourdes School for at least 25 years, passed into eternity.

Firm but caring, diligent and conscientious to a fault, for not always putting herself first, Patricia, youthful for her age, never lost her winsome smile, her sense and sensibility, and her keen wit. It is this keen wit, cheerfulness and practicality that I admire from a colleague, a friend with whom I had worked, from the early eighties until her death, in preparing the children of the parish and school to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Her students would tell you how appreciative they were for preparing them to meet the challenges that they would encounter in high school and beyond; she did not "baby" them. She was able to shape each graduating class into one, caring, cohesive class before their exodus. Yes, she taught her classes to be concerned and dedicated to others, first to God, then to one another. As a catechist, she taught as Jesus teaches. *"One of the most important and sacred duties of the Church: is making Christ better known and loved by His children, young and old." "It is Christ. . . Who is taught. . . and it is Christ alone Who teaches."* (John Paul II)

Requiescat in pace, rest in peace. We will remember to pray for you; remember to pray for us.

The Religious Education Office is closed for the summer recess. However, if you wish to reach the Director of Religion, Jessica Coan, you may leave a message on Jessica's voice mail at 301-946-3773. Please remember to include your phone number.

Noticias en Espanol

¿Es un adulto que le falta completar sus sacramentos de iniciación (Bautizo, Confirmación y Primera Comunión)? ¡No es demasiado tarde! El proceso de preparación para adultos empieza a finales de agosto, pero puede inscribirse desde ya. Las charlas son los domingos de 11:45 am hasta 1:15 pm. Para más información contacte a Marilú Musalem al 301-896-0043 o por correo electrónico a marilumusalem@hotmail.com.

¿Qué Significa Ser Catolico Activo? Frecuentemente, los que buscan celebrar el Matrimonio, bautizar sus hijo, o servir como padrinos para Confirmación o Bautismo piden una carta verificando que son parroquianos y católicos activos y practicantes. Para recibir tal carta, se debe de estar inscrito en la parroquia, asistir a Misa regularmente, y estar comprometido a la corresponsabilidad de tiempo, talento y tesoro (contribuir de manera regular a la misión de la parroquia). Les animamos a todos los parroquianos a ser miembros activos de algunas de las organizaciones parroquiales. En una comunidad tan grande como Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, una manera de verificar participación es a través del uso regular de los sobres de ofertorio. Si escoge no participar en el sustento de la parroquia, o no puede contribuir por el momento, por favor note su auxilio espiritual en su sobre y colóquelo en el ofertorio semanal. De esa manera, podremos estar al tanto de su participación continua, y no será marcado como "inactivo" en nuestro registro parroquial.

Sacramento de Matrimonio: De acuerdo con los reglamentos de la Arquidiócesis de Washington, las parejas deben contactar a un sacerdote y empezar su preparación por lo menos seis meses antes de la boda. Además se requiere inscripción oficial en la parroquia y un mínimo de tres meses de participación activa **antes** de que pueda empezar la preparación. El vivir juntos antes del matrimonio es pecaminoso y causa daños al futuro matrimonio. Se les pedirá a las parejas que están viviendo juntos que vivan separados durante el periodo de preparación.

¿Esta Usted Recien Llegado, Es Nuevo en El Area, O Se Va A Otra Parte?

Ayúdenos a mantener al día la lista de miembros de la Parroquia. Por favor, ponga aqui sus datos y deje este impreso en la canasta de la limosna o en la Sacristia.

NOMBRE: _____

DIRECCION: _____

TELEFONO: Casa: _____ Cel: _____

Trabajo: _____

EMAIL: _____

____ Soy Nuevo en la Parroquia. ¡Bienvenido!

____ Mi dirección ha cambiado. ¡Gracias!

____ Me voy del área. ¡Que el Señor lo acompañe!

Es **importante** inscribirse para recibir información y participar en los programas y servicios de la Parroquia. Se requiere estar en la lista de la Parroquia para solicitar bautizos, matrimonios y otros servicios.

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Parish Ministry Coordinators

Prayer & Worship

ADORATION: Mary Ann Sindelar, 301-515-7305
ALTAR GROUP: Veronica Yeatman, 301-215-7128
ALTAR SERVERS: Rosa & Pietro Tundo, 301-933-6285;
Spanish-speaking Community: Alejandra Granados, 301-320-4156/Blanca Sibrian, 301-528-6388
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP (IN SPANISH):
Blanca Cardozo, 301-931-1288
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:
Kathy Webb, 301-652-7918;
Spanish-speaking Community: Gilvar Morales 301-788-8651
CHOIRS: Paul Newport, 301-879-2069
Spanish-speaking Community: Gregory Gannon, 301-738-9772,
Richard Dobrydnio, 301-767-9701
CHOIR, CHRISTMAS (children): Kathy Webb, 301-652-7918
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Terry Abel Eason, 301-657-4343
Spanish-speaking Community: Eufemia León: 301-681-0966
LECTORS/READERS OF THE WORD: Walter Kikendall and Cecilia Magnetti, 301-652-1870
Spanish-speaking Community: Fr. Marco Schad, 301-654-1287 ext 315
MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Patricia Reissig, 301-657-8478 or Jullia Pastewka, 301-652-7630
MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY: Margaret Carroll, 301-325-6398
MONSIGNOR WELLS SOCIETY: Frank & Barbara Black, 301-652-0749 or William Kirvan, 301-656-3706
USHERS: Geary Fisher, 301-654-1806
Spanish-speaking Community: Enrique Arrieta, 301-330-9034, Luis Cedillo, 301-951-7021
WOMEN'S MORNING OF RECOLLECTION:
Cecilia Royals, 301-654-8034

Community Building

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS FELLOWSHIP: Richard Ayoub, 301-229-9308
SPANISH-SPEAKING FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: Eufemia León, 301-681-0966
OUR PARISH TIMES: Call the Rectory, 301-654-1287
PASTORAL COUNCIL: Terry Eason, 301-657-4343
PARISH PASSOVER MEAL: Position open. Contact Mary Rubino, 301-654-6942 if interested
LADIES OF LOURDES: Barbara Black, 301-652-0749
GREETERS' MINISTRY: Geary Fisher, 301-654-1806
LOL YOUNG ADULT GROUP: Josie Delisle, 301-412-7791
TRANSLATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fr. Marco Schad 301-654-1287 ext. 315

Youth Children's Ministry

BOY SCOUT LEADERS/HELPERS:
CUB SCOUT LEADERS:
GIRL SCOUTS & BROWNIE LEADERS/HELPERS: Liz Weiss, 301-588-6726
HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION: Sheri Gutierrez, 301-654-1287; Tara Jacob, 301-990-1997
OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL: 301-654-5376, x329
SCHOOL BOARD: Phil Sheridan, 301-654-4255
SPORTS/COACHING (Catholic Youth Organization): Kevin Sebastian, 240-426-7912
A LONG SUMMER CAMP AT LOL: David Long, 240-305-4129
CHILD PROTECTION COORDINATOR: Sheri Gutierrez, 301-654-1287

Social Responsibility

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Meetings are held in the Convent First Floor Meeting Room Mondays at 12 noon and Monday and Wednesday evenings at 8:00 PM. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.
ASSUMPTION OUTREACH PROGRAM: Cathy Clark, 301-652-5796
CLASES DE INGLES: Vacant.
IMMIGRATION PROJECT: Pedro Gonzalez, 240-743-7281, Rosa Melara, 301-661-3752
PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE: Mary Ann Sindelar, 301-515-7305
SO OTHERS MAY EAT (SOME): Susan Miller, 301-717-5883
SUNDAY EVENING MEAL FOR THE HOMELESS & POOR: Pat Mertens, 301-718-4342

Evangelization & Faith Formation

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Call the Rectory at 301-654-1287
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Vacant
CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE (CCD): Jessica Seixas Coan, 301-654-5954 (office)
FRIDAY MEN'S GROUP: Jim O'Connell, 301-652-2504
PARISH LIBRARY: Alice McGurty, 301-652-1022

Spanish-Speaking Ministry

Ministerio Hispano

BAUTISMO: Eufemia León: 301-681-0966
FORMACION CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS (sacramentos): Marilu Musalem, 301-896-0043
ESTUDIO Y MEDITACION DE LA BIBLIA: Samuel Rivas, 571-232-5773, Guadalupe Pierson, 301-588-2184
PROTECCION AL MENOR: Sheri Gutierrez, 301-654-1287
GRUPO JUVENIL: Claudia Morales, 301-228-3640
COORDINACION CATEQUESIS HISPANA: Gilvar Morales h 301-228-3640 c 301-788-8651
SERVIDORES DEL ALTAR/MONAGUILLOS: Alejandra Granados, 301-320-4156
LECTORES: P. Marco Schad, 301-654-1287 ext. 315
MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS DE COMUNION: Eufemia León: 301-681-0966
LITURGIA DE LOS NINOS: Gilvar Morales h 301-228-3640 c 301-788-8651
UJIERES: Luis Cedillo, 301-330-9034, Enrique Arrieta, 301-330-9034
CORO: Gregory Gannon, 301-738-9772, Richard Dobrydnio, 301-263-7781
ALMUERZO COMUNIDAD HISPANA: Eufemia León, 301-681-0966
PROYECTO INMIGRACION: Pedro González, 240-743-7281, Rosa Melara, 301-661-3752
GRUPO DE MATRIMONIOS: Rosario Santos, 301-785-8090
CLASES DE INGLES: Teresa Harwood, 301-951-7087
VICARIO HISPANO: P. Marco Schad 301-654-1287 ext. 315

Community Announcements

Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Center for Family Development (CFD): Upcoming weekends: **Jul 22-25, Aug 26-20, Sep 16-19.** This marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. \$275 per couple. FOCUS Inventory included! Registration required; On-Line Registration now Available! WWW.BETHESDACFD.ORG. The CFD is located at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda MD. Phone: 301-365-0612.